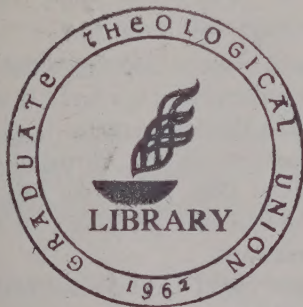


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The Bishop and Clergy at the opening Eucharist of the 24th Convocation of Taiwan Episcopal Church, at Good Shepherd Church, Shih Lin.



Editor: Canon Archie Briggs

BISHOP'S MESSAGE:

The Resurrection – Risen with Christ (Col. 3:1)

Resurrection is a most inspiring word. It moves the soul, stirs the mind, and inspires the will. Christ's resurrection is a fact. It was not a theory that inspired the early Christians to go out and preach the resurrection.

The song goes round the Christian world to-day: 'Christ is risen.' Year by year, since the first Easter Day, the joy of this great fact has gladdened the hearts of believers. It is on the ground of this great fact of our faith that we have 'a sure and certain hope' of our own resurrection.

We affirm our belief in the resurrection, every time we recite the Creeds. The same thought ought to be in our hearts when we declare our hope in the life of the world to come. Here we have a death-defying faith. This faith has a hope for time and for eternity.

Thirty years ago, in February, 1954, with help from the Diocese of Hawaii, the first gathering for Episcopal worship, took place in Taiwan. (Formosa = The Beautiful Island). This symbolized a resurrection for the Episcopal Church after a long winter sleep – when in 1949 members had moved from mainland China (where atheistic communism still prevails) to Taiwan.

Though we are still small, less than 2000 in number, with congregations in 14 cities, and 19 clergy (6 of whom are non-stipendary ministers) serving them, – by the grace of God we are thankfully aware of gradual growth.

On this special occasion therefore, we plan to establish missions in places where as yet there is no Episcopal Church. We have three areas in mind – Hsin-chu, Miao-li, and Tai-tung. "Come across to Macedonia and help us": this is our vision. Accordingly, we have started a Fund Raising Campaign for N.T.\$1,000,000 (equivalent to U.S.\$25,000) with the hope of establishing a gospel hall in Hsin-chu this year. Gifts towards this project would be greatly appreciated.

Christians are not satisfied with a hope of survival: the certainty of the resurrection means something more. Jesus said: – "In truth, in very truth I tell you, he who has faith in me will do what I am doing and he will do greater things still" (John 14:12).

Easter means life, the full life of the eternal human spirit in union with Christ. We experience the joys of spiritual life in Christ here and now: we are certain that the future life in the Lord will not be inferior to the life we now enjoy.

Brothers and sisters, let us go forth with faith to do the greater things which Jesus promised we could do, – because He is risen, and He is with us. If we ask anything in his name, our Father in Heaven will grant our requests for the sake of His Son.

A Blessed Easter to you all.

Your servant in Christ,

+ P.Y. Cheung
Bishop of Taiwan, R.O.C.

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE – Good Shepherd Church, Shih Lin.

This building, the subject of much thought and planning, was dedicated by the Bishop on the afternoon of Sunday, the 12th February 1984. God was indeed gracious, for after many days of incessant rain, we were blessed with warm and brightening sunshine. To add to the happy occasion, a sumptuous tea was served to a large and representative gathering of clergy and laity in the Church Hall after the ceremony.

Facilities available in the six-storey project include a basement equipped as a gymnasium for the Kindergarten, flats for the accommodation of the Rector and an Associate Priest, a library for community use, a lecture room, and office space etc..

Money for the financing of the building came from various sources —compensation from the Government for the loss of land for a new road scheme, a grant from the Diocese, a low-interest loan from the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., as well as gifts from the Church and Kindergarten, the Friends of Good Shepherd Association, and individual donors.

The 24th CONVOCATION OF THE TAIWAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Hosted by Good Shepherd Church, it began, as always, with the Holy Eucharist, celebrated in the evening of the 12th February, —following the opening of the Community Centre.

The Bishop, in his address, re-iterated the three aims of his episcopate —

1. To establish a Diocesan Capital Fund of 1 million U.S. dollars (now almost achieved).
2. To build three more churches to complete the chain of Episcopal Churches ‘circling’ the island.
3. To foster more vocations to the Sacred Ministry (the ordinand at present in training will graduate in July of this year).

The delegates then adjourned to the pleasant surroundings of the China Hotel on Yang Ming Shan, for supper and the 1st session of the Conference. Throughout the Convocation (which lasted to the evening of Monday, the 13th), the new edition of the Chinese Prayer Book, revised by the generosity of a grant from the Church Council of East Asia, was used for the first time. Its reception, on the whole, was favourable: the price, very reasonable — 50 N.T. per copy (U.S. 1.25 \$).

During lunch breaks, several delegates took the opportunity to visit the Yang Ming Shan Park where cherry and plum blossoms were in incipient bloom and azaleas in their radiant glory.

CHINESE NEW YEAR



The year of the Pig gave way to the Year of the Rat on the 2nd of February. Generally regarded as being particularly auspicious because it marks the beginning of a new "Cycle of Cathay" (chia tzu nien 甲子年) —the 60 year period which includes five 12 year cycles named after the twelve animals which did homage (as legend has it) to the dying Buddha, it was preceded by a great spate of weddings after the old Chinese adage "Whether you are rich or poor, a new wife makes the New Year happy more". No doubt a lot of babies will be born!

In spite of the wet weather, fire crackers pounded the air, huge feasts were held, and as the holidays included a weekend, there was plenty of time within the 5 or 6 days to return home to visit family and friends. As usual, trains and buses were crowded —standing room only!

Various characteristics are said to mark people born under the sign of the rat — individual rather than community interests —adventurousness rather than slavish routine, —but fortune-tellers, with a well-prepared list of people born in the year of the rat, are adept at forecasting what their clientele wish to hear!

THE VOICE OF THE LAITY



Mr. William Wong Shih Cheng. I was born in Shanghai, one of a family of eight, 4 sons and 4 daughters, of whom seven survive, one son having been killed on military service. My first introduction to Christianity was at St. John's University, where I attended religious classes run by the Episcopal Church whilst I studied medicine from 1940 to 1943. I then volunteered for the Air Force thus making three brothers in the Services, one in the Navy, one in the Army, and myself in the Air Force. After military service, I enrolled in West China Cheng Tu University, to continue medical

studies but after 6 months (having completed 3½ years in all in medicine) I transferred back to St. John's to read Political Science Major – graduating in 1946. Coming to Taiwan in 1948, I worked first as a partner in a private company but in 1952 joined North West Airlines with whom I served until 1957 when I transferred to my present company – Pan-Am World Airlines.

An interesting interlude came from 1973 to 1975 when I was seconded by the company to New York, and was a regular worshipper at St. Paul's – on – the – Hill in Upper Side, N.Y. An important event had occurred in 1949, when, at a picnic, I met Irene, my wife, – the daughter of the then Inspector of Chinese Maritime Customs. We were baptized together in 1960 by Bishop Gilson in St. John's Cathedral, – my godfather being William H.T. Way. We were also married in St. John's – so St. John's Cathedral is very much my parish Church!

We have been blessed with 2 children – a daughter now married and a son – both of whom are living in the United States.

Notes. Mr. and Mrs. Wong are regular communicants at the Cathedral where Mr. Wong is a vestryman and a member of the Mens' Fellowship. He has also been Diocesan Treasurer for 10 years. One of his desires is to see the Episcopal Church more actively engaged in Evangelism. He himself tries to make his membership of various societies and clubs a means of outreach.

Mr. Wong's mother – now 90 – is still in Shanghai, and is looked after by a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Wong are very solicitous in their care of Mrs. Wong's mother here in Taipei and now in her 80's.

MR. MICHAEL DUH RURNG JER



I was born in Tainan, Taiwan, the Republic of Free China on September the 28th, 1955. As Principal of a Primary School, my father impressed me as a man with a strong sense of responsibility. As for my mother, she painstakingly helped my father in the upbringing of five children. I have two older brothers and two younger brothers. My wife, Hsian-Lin, whom I met at Church activities, is of a very pleasant disposition. All members of my family are Christians.

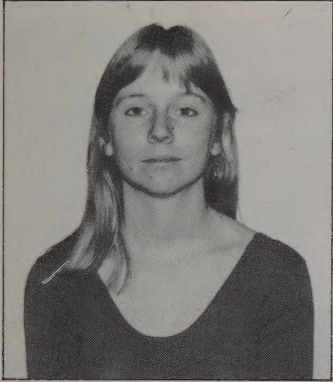
As a child, my grandmother took me to Sunday School, and she further encouraged me to be a pastor. I was baptized on the 20th April 1974. One of the reasons I wanted to become a minister was to lead more people to an understanding of the Gospel. After graduating from the Political University in Taipei, I was led to enter Taiwan Theological College. In this, I was much influenced by Father Michael Liu —by his preaching and by his witness to the love of Jesus Christ. And so I became more determined to take part in the job of mission.

Time does fly — and having been in the Theological College for 3 years, I hope to graduate in July this year. I am deeply thankful to our Heavenly Father for his giving me this opportunity of getting closer to Him. I am also grateful for the sense of peace which we have in the lovely surrounds of the college here on Yang Ming Shan.

In my studies, my special interests are systematic theology and other religions which I sincerely hope will help me in my future work in mission and in seeking to further the cause of Christian Unity.

Note. As part of his pastoral training Michael has had experience at Good Shepherd Church whilst now he helps out at the Cathedral and also goes to Wanli once a month. His wife is a teacher in the Sunday School.

Miss Shelley Fairchild



When I arrived in Taipei in January, I had no hotel reservation, no acceptance letter from the Language School, and no friend to meet me at the Airport, —but I trusted that with the help of the powers that be, and my rusty Chinese, I would work everything out in due course. The next morning, after a long night's sleep at the Y.M.C.A., I clearly knew what I had to do, and wrote up a list for myself: —

Find a place to live
Locate the schools
Check out jobs
Find a Church.

So it was that while pausing to look at a map somewhere between the Manderin Daily News Centre and the International Youth Centre, a grandfatherly Englishman emerged from the crowd, took my hand, and befriended me. He was dressed in black and wore a small silver cross on his lapel. Of course, as a new arrival in this country way on the other side of the world, meeting an Englishman was like meeting someone from my own state or even my own country, and the Father's manner was that of a friend. He showed me how to get to the International Centre and then he showed me this "little cathedral" and invited me to eat dinner with him later.

The day was not a waste. I'd found my Church. Since that time, and specially during my first weeks here the Church and Clergy have supplied a needed counter-balance to the periodic feelings of alienation that come from living in a big city and an unfamiliar culture. Beyond that the Church has provided me with a small community of people who share a certain hope that is inherent to being a Christian. With that hope is a sense of celebration and gratefulness for another day lived.

My intentions in coming to Taiwan, aside from language-learning, were to increase my understanding of this culture that I'd studied only objectively in the United States. A by-product of my stay here has been a greater understanding brought on by sharp contrasts, of my own culture. So, as I struggle in my mind with the cruel and generous aspects of both cultures, I cling to the words of Christ which proclaim a fellowship beyond cultures — that demands dignity for individuals and sympathy in relationships. I am grateful for this Church which upholds and encourages this fellowship.

MISCELLANY

23/12/83 **Baptism** of Thomas (80) and Louise, his wife, (74) at the Veterans' Hospital. Members of the family and friends had been praying with this intent for over 5 years. The sponsors at the Baptism had themselves been baptized and confirmed 5 years ago.

24/12/83 **Peripatetic!** Early on Christmas Eve, the Bishop travelled to Keelung for Confirmation followed by the Eucharist. After a hurried trip, he arrived back in Taipei in time to preach at the Cathedral Midnight Mass. Leaving after the sermon, he travelled overnight by train for a Confirmation in Tainan!

Reports indicate that Christmas Services were well attended in spite of a very cold snap of wintry weather.

New Year's Gift We rejoice with Bishop and Mrs. Cheung in the birth of their first grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Cheung of Hongkong are the proud parents.

5/1/84 **Epiphany Even.** Thomas & Louise confirmed and given their first communion.

6/1/84 **The Fourth Anniversary** of the Bishop's consecration . . . on the Feast of the Epiphany.

Introduced a newly arrived American student to the American Library which has excellent reference facilities in its Taipei and Kaohsiung Branches.



Taipei American Library – Books and People.

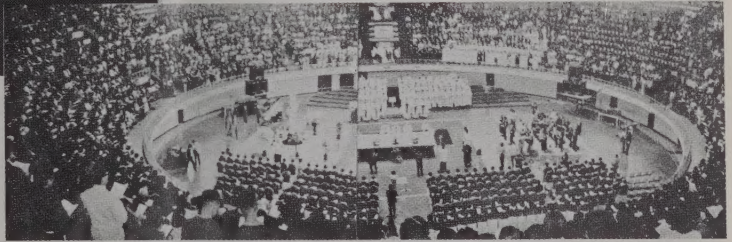
8/1/84 We were sorry to learn that St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (Tien Mou) had been gutted by fire. The authorities are debating as to whether to build a new and bigger church or repair the present one. In either case, the cost will be considerable.

13/1/84 **The 20th Anniversary of the Ecumenical Co-Operation Council** took place at the Mackay Hospital. Bishop Cheung, the present Chairman, hosted a buffet supper, and later addressed some 300 assembled representatives from the various Churches at the joint service, in the hospital auditorium. "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism" was the theme.

In the anteroom, the Churches had posted photographs depicting their various activities. In the Episcopal display was a map of Taiwan (prepared by the Diocesan Office staff & Mr. Chang of Good Shepherd Church) showing Church locations etc. whilst in the Roman Catholic exhibit, one entry was of the Memorial Mass to mark the 400th anniversary of Matteo Ricci's arrival in China.



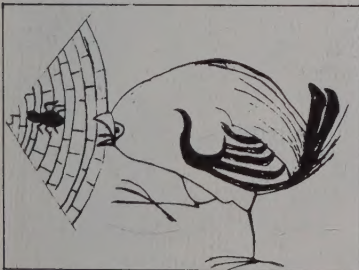
Episcopal Church locations.



Roman Catholic Mass to mark the anniversary of Matteo Ricci's arrival in China.

16/2/84

The Lantern Festival marking the end of the New Year holiday season. The crowds at the Lung Shan (Dragon Mountain) Temple were as big as ever in spite of the wet weather. Children also disregarded the weather to parade in the streets. Electric bulbs have now to a large extent replaced the former candles — which gave such mystic glow.



22/2/84

Heard the birds singing to greet the Spring for the first time. With such inclement weather, they must have felt as frustrated as the cross-looking wren trying to catch a spider — depicted by a humorous medieval glazier in York Minster where Bishop James Pong (now at home, we are glad to hear, after a long spell in hospital) was ordained.

24/2/84 St. Matthias — Met a young woman missionary from California who had just arrived to begin her Chinese studies. She asked about David Watson, the well-known Priest-Evangelist, and was sorry to know that he had just died — aged 50. “Before I left home, we had news of his terminal illness, . . . and that he would not be able to come to our Church”. She was glad to know that he had been able to complete his autobiography — “You are my God” (Hodder & Stoughton — £3.95).

29/2/84 At a Eucharist in the Cathedral, the Bishop commissioned those elected to serve on the various Diocesan Committees. A convivial dinner followed.

12/3/84 Arbor Day. Great attempts are being made to beautify the cities by planting trees in observance of the death of Dr Sun Yat Sen, the father-founder of the Republic. 1984 had been designated ‘Green Year’.

21/3/84 President Chiang Ching Kuo re-elected for a second term of 6 years as the 7th President . . . with great rejoicing.

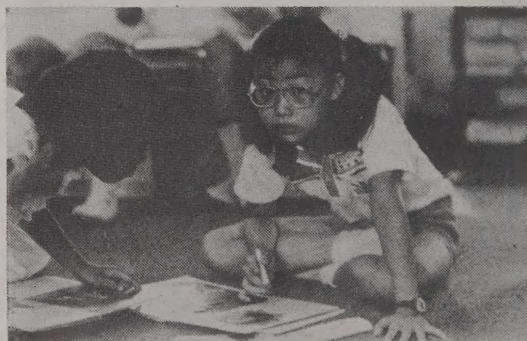
Mr Lee Teng-Hui (Taiwanese and a practising Christian) was elected Vice-President . . . also with acclaim.

The traffic in the capital city is an ever-present problem. Motor-cycles proliferate as the family means of transport, and are thwart with danger.



Six persons aboard!

Another matter of concern to government is the short-sightedness of many young children.



The world-over, the response to political campaigning is much the same!



In the multi-racial, multi-cultural societies of our world, a deeper understanding of contemporary living faiths is more and more needful.



DID YOU know the symbols? Top: Christianity, Islam, Sikhism and Hinduism. Bottom: Shintoism, Taoism, Buddhism and Judaism.

For further study . . . Religions of Man by J.R.S. Whiting (Stanley Thomas, £3.70) is informative.

This year the Cathedral will celebrate thirty years of 'worship' within its portals. The Bishop of Sabah (Luke Chhoa Heng Sze) recently appointed Chairman of the Council of Churches of East Asia, has been invited to conduct Evangelical Missions in the Diocese.

EASTER – A MEDITATION

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5, v.4). Many bear witness that it is a faith genuine and strong, for all seasons and circumstances.

THE INCARNATION

- 'No love that in a family dwells
No carolling in frosty air
Not all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single truth compare
That God was Man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine"
(John Betjeman).

LENT

- "Through the grace of God and the teaching of Holy Church I developed a strong desire to receive three wounds: namely, the wound of true contrition, the wound of genuine compassion, and the wound of sincere longing for God".
(Mother Julian of Norwich).

THE TRANSFIGURATION & PALM SUNDAY



- "We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even by the Spirit of the Lord". (2 Corinthians 3, v18).

The Transfiguration of Christ Standing on a Mountain and the Entry into Jerusalem: one of the illuminated miniatures from the Gospels of Henry the Lion. The 226-leaf book with 41 miniatures was the work of a little known monk called Herimann at the Benedictine Abbey of Helmarshausen in Lower Saxony. The date about 1173 – 1175. The long lost manuscript was recently bought by the West German Government for over eight million pounds so that it could be returned to the place where it was originally written.

HOLY WEEK

- “Looking forward to the joy of Easter” (St. Benedict).

MAUNDY THURSDAY

- “The Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: **this do in remembrance of me.**

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: **this do ye**, as oft as ye drink it, **in remembrance of me**” (1 Corinthians 11, vs 23-25)

PEACE – PEACE.

(A Eucharistic Hymn written by Father Andrew who was a much loved member of the Anglican Order of the Divine Compassion).

1. Peace, Peace,
Jesus is here,
Peace, Peace,
Angels are near.
We are not left alone,
Here on His Altar Throne,
Heaven and Earth are one,
Jesus is here.

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2. Kneel, Kneel,
Jesus is King,
Kneel, Kneel,
Offerings bring,
Dear Babe of Bethlehem,
God of Jerusalem,
Love is His diadem,
Jesus is King.

— — —

3. Soft, Soft,
Whisper your need,
Soft, Soft,
The Father will heed,
Given His Holy Food,
Now as upon the Rood,
Pleadeth His Precious Blood,
Whisper your need.

4. Rest, Rest,
Infinite Love,
Rest, Rest,
Here as above:
Now on His gentle Breast,
Weary ones find their rest,
Truest and Tenderest,
Infinite Love.

GOOD FRIDAY “the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death”
(1. Corinthians, 15, v.26)

Death is like a milestone
just a spot which marks the place
along a road called life.
What meaning has a milestone?
It can either tell you how far you've come
or, how far you have to go.
It is no stopping place.
It had no importance
only in relation to a journey.
It relates to where you started
and where you hope to end.
One may rest at milestones
but only to draw strength
to carry on the pilgrimage.
In resting we might look back
reflecting on the difficulties we have overcome
or, we might consider methods
of surmounting all that lies before.
But, as we rest at milestones
they give a sense of order to our travels.
Surely, death is like a milestone.
It is not the end of the journey
nor is it solely the beginning.
It is nothing but a momentary pause
on the journey to reality.
One can pause at death,
take breath,
look back then forward,
drawing strength from rest
then travel on.

(A letter written to the Editor contains this poem written by a priest on the sudden death of his wife in her mid forties).

EASTER —

“Risen with Christ”

“To me the the business of being a Christian is simple, no matter how difficult it is to apply and impossible to accomplish it. It is to walk through life with the Risen Christ tabernacled in our hearts and seeking to radiate His truth, His hope, His joy, and above all His love in every situation and to everybody”

(Bishop Mervyn Stockwood in his autobiography —Chanctonbury Ring-Sheldon Press with Hodder and Stoughton —£9.95).

PENTECOST

“Walking in the Spirit”

Bishop Desmond Tutu — Valiant for Truth.

THE LIFE
EVERLASTING

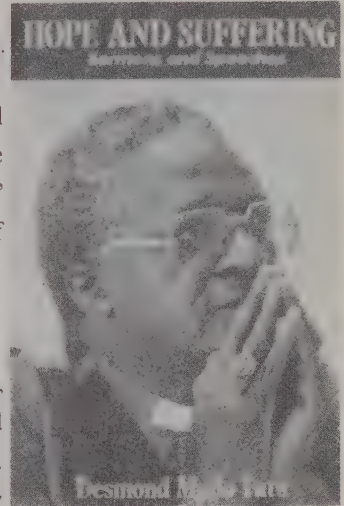
“We shall rest and we shall see, we shall see and we shall love, we shall love and we shall praise, in the end which is no end”
(St. Augustine in his work —The City of God—).

ALL SAINTS

“God all in all” (1 Corinthians 15, v.28).

“May my death, if it is accepted by God, be for the liberation of my people, and as a witness of hope for what is to come. But I wish they could realise that they are wasting their time. A bishop may die, but the Church of God, which is the people, will never die”.

(Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, in an interview with a Mexican newspaper just before his murder while offering the mass).



And so, for the Church, the vehicle of faith, in words from the Bible, we pray: —

Our insufficiency and need Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise: and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty and base things of the world, and things that are despised, hath God chosen that no flesh should glory. (I Corinthians 1,25 ff).

That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. (I Corinthians 2, v5).

YET

these are they

who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of aliens (Hebrews 11, vv 33, 34.).

O MOST BLESSED LIGHT OF THE WORLD grant that as thy priests minister in the holy place that the cloud shall fill the house of the Lord so that the priests themselves are within the cloud and the glory of the Lord shall fill the house of the Lord. And that the Lord shall ever dwell in our thick darkness. Amen. (1 Kings 8, v10)

WHEREFORE lift up the hands that hang down and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way, but let it rather be healed (Hebrews 12, v.12)

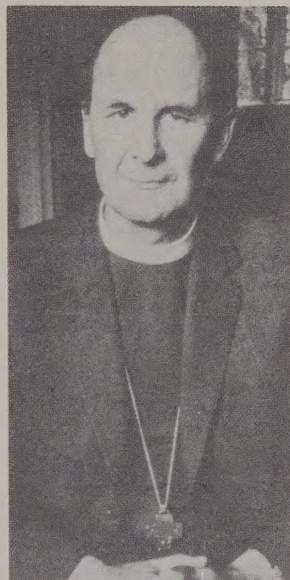
O send out Thy Light and thy truth that they may lead us: and bring us to thy holy hill and to thy dwelling. (Psalm 43, V. 3).

THE DEATH OF TWO WELL-KNOWN THEOLOGIANS.

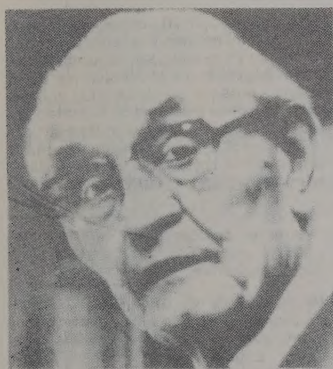
Bishop John Robinson died on the 6th December 1983 after a painful illness patiently borne. He was 64. His million-selling book, 'Honest to God', published in 1963, caused great controversy. He was a very fine New Testament scholar and as a Bishop was exemplary in a bishop's care and concern as Father-in-God to his clergy.

Lord Ramsey, a former Archbishop of Canterbury, writes: – "Bishop Robinson will long be remembered as one who cared greatly for people and helped them in the complexities of the faith".

In popular circles, his last major work on St. John's Gospel, (shortly to be published) may prove to be as controversial as 'Honest to God'.



Pastor Martin Niemoeller



died in March at the age of 92. He was awarded the Iron cross, First Class, for services as a U-boat commander in the First World War, as well as the Lenin Peace Prize, 50 years later, for services in Hanoi and elsewhere, in the cause of peace in Vietnam.

He became a pacifist and in 1954 a Lutheran Evangelical minister. A real peace-maker in the Biblical sense, he was a courageous opponent of Hitler. For such remarks as "Not you, Herr Hitler, but God is my Fuhrer" he suffered imprisonment in a concentration camp from 1937 to 1945.

Many quote the lines which imply that all Germans share in the guilt of the Hitler period – "First they came for the Jews. I was silent. Next they came for the Communists. I was silent. Then they came for the Christians . . . and there was no one to speak for me".

Recommended Book John Daly's – 'Four Mitres' – reminiscences of an irrepressible Bishop, makes fascinating reading. (Bishop of Gambia & Rio Pongas –1935, Bishop of Accra 1951, Bishop in Korea 1955, First Bishop of Taejon 1965).

Christians in Taiwan will remember his visits for C.C.E.A. meetings. With typical selflessness, he retired from Taejon in time to allow his successor to go to the 1968 Lambeth Conference. He is now a youthful 81.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the Reverend Peyton Craighill –

1, Narwyn Lane,
Narberth, Pa.

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Dear Friends,

For once we hope to get this letter off to you soon enough so that you will have our new mailing address when you write your Christmas cards. Again the Craighills have been on the move (our seventh in about five years!). This time we find ourselves in the lovely little suburban community of Narberth, Pennsylvania. We are right on the Main Line, just a few blocks from Philadelphia proper. This puts us on the north-west side of the city. In case college names mean more to you, we are several miles south of both Haverford and Bryn Mawr.

What brings us here is the position that I told you about in our last Christmas letter. I am now fully esconced on the faculty of the Episcopal Academy, teaching numerous courses in religion and serving as Assistant Chaplain. From January to June, I commuted from Princeton. We decided that we could do without the strain of travelling three hours a day and the lack of identity with the community. Consequently, last Spring we began house shopping and came up with the above address. For three months we have pushed ahead on repairs, painting, and pruning back the jungle. We are nearly ready for the Thanksgiving gathering of some twenty Roberts relatives. Please note that our home has a beautiful guest room, which we urge you to use!

My work at Episcopal is full of challenges that bring new growth at a time of life when I might have been coasting on old routines. I am teaching a wide range of courses, including Old and New Testament, Judaism, Church History, Ethics, World Religions, and a course for seniors called Inward Pilgrimage. One of the features I like best about the school is its pluralism. The student body is divided into roughly equal portions of Jews, Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, and everything else. Having that kind of diversity leads to rewarding encounters both inside and outside the classroom. To keep from getting too theological, I am also teaching sailing to two sailing clubs.

November the 15th, 1983.

Extract from a letter from Dr. E. Sense, Adamant, V.T., U.S.A.

– 18/3/1984

“It meant a great deal to me that I could worship in your Church both at Christmas and New Year . . . How rewarding for you that each Sunday visitors in Taipei from Australia, New York, Nigeria, . . . find their way to worship in your Church, and that each Sunday there is a mysterious surprise . . . who will it be this time? . . . This is the Lenten Time of the Church Year and this letter will reach you to add my wishes to the many you will receive for a joyous Easter”

SHALOM.

Extract of a letter from Miss Ena Somerville, Geraldton, W. Australia.

(formerly English Secretary to the Bishop of Taiwan).

“You may think I’ve forgotten all about Taiwan – but that is far from the Truth! . . . May you have a blessed Lent and a very joyous and happy Easter”.

Dr. Willis A. Adcock of Texas Instruments – Dallas, Texas – on a periodic visit –

(1/4/84) – “I greatly enjoy reading your Friendship Magazine”

“Thank you for sending it”.

Letter from

MRS. CHARLES P. GILSON

February 27, 1984

Dear Bishop Cheung:

I received a treasure this past week which delighted my heart and which I have shown to many friends. It was the card with all the signatures of the delegates to the 24th Convocation of the Diocese of Taiwan. It meant so much to me to realize I was remembered at the Convocation, although it has been twenty years since my husband and I left Taiwan. I well remember the first Convocation and the names of the friends of those days. It was a joy to know that my godson, Peter Yu, is active in Church affairs; to see the signature of Archie Briggs, in whose rectory we stayed for ten days waiting for a ship out of Tientsin in 1950, and of all the others who entered the priesthood during my husband’s stay.

I enclose a copy of the article about Peter Lai’s ordination. I think the picture very good of you. That was a beautiful service. I am looking forward to seeing Peter and Maggie again. I will probably go down to Boston to visit Miss Webster this spring.

I am looking forward to seeing you and, hopefully, to meet Mrs. Cheung when you come to the States this summer. Remember, I am hoping you can come here for a night. I will be at a conference and retreat from July 28 through August 1, so I hope you are coming earlier in July.

Summer seems a long way off as we are expecting a major snowstorm tomorrow, after nearly a week of spring-like weather. When the bad weather comes I keep very busy at home.

I hope all is well with you and yours and send special greetings to so many friends. Please include greetings to Dr. Ley Fah-tsang.

Every blessing to you all,

Faithfully,

Dorothy Jenks Gilson

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